

**COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**(Meeting was held at the Aurora Public Library)**  
**Tuesday, July 14, 2015 (1:30 pm – 3:30 pm)**

**I. Welcome**

**Kimberly Wasserman – Chairman**

**II. Introductions**

**A. Teleconference**

- Commissioner M. Driskell
- Commissioner Keith Harley
- Veronica Halloway – Illinois DPH
- Jeffrey Ajufo – Friends of the Parks
- Commissioner Cheryl Johnson

**B. Aurora Public Library**

- Commissioner Kim Wasserman, Chairman
- Commissioner Dr. Sylvia Washington
- Ken Page - Illinois EPA
- Stephon Bishop – Illinois EPA
- Linda Chapa LaVia – State Representative & Energy Chairman
- Lauren Washington - citizen
- Margaret Stollen – citizen
- Jim Schweizer – citizen
- Doll Terry – citizen
- Rev. Dr. Terry Gallagher – Ecological Justice
- Heather Binder – Rebuilding Together Aurora
- Tiffany Swann-Covington – citizen
- Paul Mandrik – Naperville Township Democratic Org.
- Deanne Sereno – Naperville Township Democratic Org.

**III. Approval of Agenda (electronic copy)**

- Moved by – Commissioner Washington
- Second- Ken Page

Motion carried

**IV. Approval of the Minutes**

**March 24, 2015 (electronic copy)**

- Moved by – Ken Page
- Second – Commissioner Driskell

Motion carried

**V. Presentations/Discussions:**

a. **Climate Justice in the Western Suburbs by Commissioner Sylvia Washington** (See attachment “A” Powerpoint presentation)

b. **Illinois NAACP State Conference/EJ Session by Commissioner Diane Lopez Hughes** (Commissioner Hughes could not present at the meeting because she was attending the National NAACP Conference in Philadelphia). She provided the information below via email.

1. 10/30-11/1

A 90-minute Saturday afternoon ECJ Panel at IL NAACP annual state convention.

Intersections: Environmental and Climate Justice and NAACP Game changers

National NAACP ECJ chair Jacqui Patterson will intro the topic and moderate the panel.  
Intersections: Environmental and Climate Justice and NAACP Game changers: The ECJ Panel will connect ECJ with the NAACP Game Changers: health, economy, criminal justice, youth and health disparities.

Panelists- our own Kim Wasserman on success stories

Ernestine Jackson, Peoria EJ chair and school board member elect on Voting Rights

Naomi Davis, Blacks in Green on Economic Justice

IL NAACP member TBA on Criminal Justice

Union rep, health, youth - ideas appreciated

2. National positions to be voted on regarding ECJ at the Convention will hopefully increase IL environmental advocates from our 32 local branches.

**VI. Old Business**

a. **EJSCREEN** – Chairman Wasserman reported that USEPA Region 5 will provide training for 501C3 Not-For-Profits.

b. **Clean Power Plan** – Chairman Wasserman and State Representative Linda Chapa LaVia discussed the current legislation. There are three bills: Clean/Green Jobs, Exelon and ComEd?

c. **Brownfields Legislation Update** – Chairman Wasserman reported that the Brownfield legislation (HB 1517) failed and they are going back to the drawing board to make some changes.

**d. Introductory letter to Governor Rauner from EJ Commission**

Chairman Wasserman will finalize the letter to be sent to the Governor.

Moved by: Commissioner Driskell

Second by: Ken Page

Motion carried to finalize the letter send to Governor Rauner.

**e. Status of state agencies**

The Illinois EPA and the Illinois Department of Public Health are the only state agencies that are currently active on the Commission. The Governor's Office has been made aware of this situation and hopefully the other state agencies will become active:

1. Illinois DOT
2. Illinois DNR
3. Illinois Department on Aging
4. Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

**VII. Open Discussion/Questions**

- None

**VIII. Next meeting date and location**

- To be determined for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

**IX. Adjournment**

- 3:00 p.m.